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Coatings in Microfluidics Structures

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a two-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004. Their response is therefore due December 1, 2004,

Applicant by the signature of the undersigned expressly authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

Should the Examiner believe it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,  
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